

Summary

I am a scholar primarily interested in the philosophical implications of discourses about infinity, eternity, transcendence, negation, and so forth. My research focuses in on the evolution of mathematics and the formalization of logic from the 19th to the early 20th century alongside the development of such trends in philosophy and the study of religion as the emergence of phenomenology, the analytic/continental split, and the development of the notion of “mystical experience” as a category of study. Through these loci, I want to interrogate how thought operates and is structured, how these structures relate to logic and language, how to understand the intersubjective validity of logical procedures while

acknowledging their construction and arbitrariness, and what it means that these structures break down at the limits of representation and self-reference.

I am a graduate student in Philosophy of Religions at the University of Chicago Divinity School. As an undergraduate at Boston College, I focused my studies on phenomenology and other continental philosophy, literary and critical theory, contemporary theological discourse, and broad yet rigorous knowledge of the world’s religions and of comparative religion theory. I started my undergraduate career as an advanced science student, and have kept up with teaching myself mathematics, logic, analytic philosophy, and scientific theory.

Education

The University of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Master of Arts, The Divinity School

2018 – 2020

- Concentration in Philosophy of Religion
- Advisor: Ryan Coyne; previously Michael Sells, until he took a leave of absence due to health
- Recipient of Dean’s Scholarship, a full-tuition-remission award
- Participant in the prestigious, selective Brauer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion
- Coursework in Philosophy, Mathematics, Social Thought, and Historical/Cultural Studies of Science departments

Boston College

CHESTNUT HILL, MASSACHUSETTS

Bachelor of Arts, Theology

2014 – 2018

- Recipient of the Gabelli Presidential Scholarship, a highly selective full-tuition award and academic program awarded to ~15 students per undergraduate class
 - College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program
 - Honors track in the Theology major
 - First two years as advanced-track chemistry major
 - Named “Scholar of the College” for outstanding independent academic work as an undergraduate.
 - Thesis Advisor and Undergraduate Mentor: Prof. Andrew Prevot
 - Took 4 PhD-level courses as an undergraduate, including one with Richard Kearney and one with John Sallis.
 - Major GPA 3.963; overall GPA 3.787
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GRE Scores

Verbal: 170 (99th percentile) | Quantitative: 168 (94th percentile) | Writing: 5.0 (93rd percentile)

Writings

- *Saying the Unsayable: Apophatic Language, Deconstruction, and Scientific Epistemology* – 2018
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Awards, Fellowships, etc.

McCarthy Prize

SPRING 2018

Given for the best undergraduate thesis of the year, awarded for *Saying the Unsayable*.

- Cardinal O'Connell Theology Award SPRING 2018
 I was awarded this for my thesis, *Saying the Unsayable*, and for being "the student whose overall performance in theology courses has been outstanding."
- Stotzky Prize FALL 2017
 I was awarded the Stotzky Prize, an award at Boston College given to the year's best writing on the Holocaust and Jewish-Christian understanding, for "The Inner Chambers: Aporia and the Holocaust."
- Research Assistantship for Prof. Stephen Bush (Brown University) SUMMER 2017
 I worked as a research assistant for Prof. Stephen Bush at the religious studies department at Brown University, with funding from Boston College, in the summer of 2017. I was tasked in a variety of capacities to help Prof. Bush with his book project on interpersonal mystical experiences and ethics, gathering materials, writing literature reviews, and working through the ideas of the project with Prof. Bush.
- Undergraduate Research Fellowship for Prof. Pamela Berger (Boston College) FALL 2016 – SPRING 2017
 Working for Prof. Pamela Berger in Boston College's Art History Department, I have scoured various Greek church fathers' not-yet-translated commentaries on the Psalms in an exhaustive search for what (in this case, has not) inspired the peculiar illustrations of the Utrecht Psalter.
- Dean's Scholar 2017
 This prestigious award is given every year to the most academically promising juniors, as nominated by the faculty of the various departments.
- Sophomore Scholar 2016
 Boston College gives this award to its most academically successful sophomores, based on nominations from each department.
- Advanced Study Grant SUMMER 2015
 I recieved an Advanced Study Grant to travel to Wales, where I took an intensive Ancient Greek course at Swansea University. After this, I travelled to Mt. Athos in Greece, where I spent a week and a half hiking between the Holy Mountain's monasteries, observing an ancient way of life still practiced today and learning from the monks.

Other Experiences and Awards

- St. Petersburg SUMMER 2016
 With funding from the Gabelli Presidential Scholarship, I spent the summer of 2016 in St. Petersburg, studying Russian intensively at the Derzhavin Institute while working full-time at the State Hermitage Museum as an intern.
- Service Work SUMMER 2015
 Living in Boston, I commuted to the Suffolk County House of Corrections, an urban prison, to teach mathematics as a volunteer. I also spent two days a week at St. Francis House by the Common, working in the soup kitchen.
- Misc. Travel 2014-7
 Through the Gabelli Presidential Scholarship, I have traveled to Milan and the surrounding areas in Italy; to Nicaragua, where we met with political activists, government officials, business owners, and others to try to better understand the process of so-called development; and to Bosnia, where we studied the ongoing struggle for peace and reconciliation between the ethno-relegious communities after their devastating war in the 1990s.
- The University of New Hampshire Interoperability Lab 2013-4
 Before entering college, I worked full-time as a research technician at the University of New Hampshire's computer science department for two summers. I programmed conformance tests for AVnu (Audio-Video Bridging) consortium, primarily regarding its embedded PTP (IEEE 1588) framework, at the Interoperability Lab. Programming Languages: Tcl, Python, Bash, Haskell (basic)
- National Merit Scholar 2014
 I was named a National Merit Scholar as a senior in high school.

Language Skills

- English (*native language*)

- Russian (*proficient reading; intermediate speaking and writing*)
 - Spanish (*proficient reading, rusty speaking and writing*)
 - French (*proficient reading*)
 - German (*intermediate reading*)
 - Middle English (*proficient reading*)
 - Ancient Greek (*basic reading*)
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